

ACOUSTIC SCATTERING AND PROPAGATION

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1. Introduction

My co-workers and I have worked on a variety of problems during the last two and one-half years, i.e., from Sept. 1, 1985 to March 31, 1988. This work has led to new results which are presented in a number of manuscripts. Some of the results are described in Section 2, and the status of the various publications is described in Section 3.

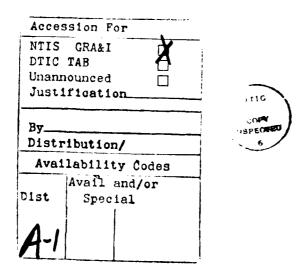
2. Main Results

A. Previously, Dr. J.G. Watson and Prof. Keller wrote two papers on rough surface scattering: "Reflection, Scattering and Absorption of Acoustic Waves by Rough Surfaces," J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 74, 1887-1894, 1983; "Rough Surface Scattering via the Smoothing Method," J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 75, 1705-1708, 1984. In the first of these we used the Born approximation to obtain in a unified way the first and second moments of the acoustic fields scattered by four kinds of slightly rough surfaces. We also showed how to modify or renormalize the results to eliminate divergences which occur at grazing incidence. Then we showed how these results were related to those obtained by wersky's self-consistent method. In the second paper we solved the same problems by the smoothing method and showed that the results were exactly the renormalized ones we obtained before. Thus we related the Born expansion, the renormalized Born expansion, Twersky's method and the smoothing method.

In the last few years we have extended this work to scattering from rough interfaces for which Twersky's method has not been developed. The results are similar to our previous ones but more complicated. We have completed the work, and have nearly completed a manuscript on it.

B. During the last two years Prof. Keller and his former student Dr. William Boyse have been working on the propagation of short waves in random media. In his thesis Dr. Boyse had completed various aspects of this work by using the regular perturbation method. Since then, we have been extending that work by utilizing the methods of Khashminski, and of Kohler and Papanicolau in a manner similar to that of White and his co-workers. Various results have been obtained, but the work is not yet complete.

- C. Profs. Keller and Weinstein have determined the pass and stop bands, and the dispersion equation, for waves in a plane-stratified medium. The essential new feature is that the variations in the medium are assumed to be large.
- D. Profs. Keller and Bai have calculated the dispersion equation for sound waves in a medium containing rigid spheres arranged in a simple cubic lattice. The wavelength is assumed to be large compared to the radius of a sphere. The spheres are allowed to touch one another. The first few pass bands and stop bands are found.
- E. Profs. Keller and Ahluwalia have analyzed scattering of sound by slender bodies. The wavelength is assumed to be long compared to the radius of a cross-section of the body, but either long or short compared to its length.
- F. Prof. Keller and his student Dan Givoli have developed a method for reducing wave propagation problems in infinite domains to problems in finite domains without spurious reflection from the artificial boundary. It has been combined with the finite element method and works much better than other schemes proposed previously.



3 Publications

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